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Honorable Connie Mack  
United States Senator  
1342 Colonial Boulevard  
Suite 27  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Dear Senator Mack:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Chuck Stephan, President, Golden Gate Civic Association, Inc., Golden Gate, Florida.

Your constituent's comments in MM Docket 92-266, concerning cable rates, have been placed in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

*Roy J. Stewart*  
Roy J. Stewart  
Chief, Mass Media Bureau

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Chuck Stephan      inq. re: rate regulation & 92 Cable Act

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# United States Senate

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February 1, 1993

Federal Communications Commission  
Congressional Liaison Office  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find correspondence from Chuck Stephan.

I would appreciate your advising me of your action in this matter and returning the letter with your reply. Please respond to my Fort Myers Regional Office, located at 1342 Colonial Blvd, Suite 27, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (813) 275-6252.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,



Connie Mack  
U.S. Senate

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GOLDEN GATE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
Golden Gate, Florida 33999

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

January 22, 1993

RE: MM Docket 92-266

Dear Commissioners:

Our organization wishes to oppose the FCC's proposed "benchmarking method" to set basic cable rates and to determine if additional tier rates are reasonable.

The use of "benchmark rates" heavily relies on an assumption that cable rates where competition exists are truly representative of what cable rates should be. We question that assumption since mature cable marketplace competition is rare, programming has not been readily available at competitive prices for the so-called overbuilds and markets where competitive systems exist tend to buy one or the other out.

We urge the FCC to adopt the traditional return-of-investment (cost-of-service) method which has proven successful in regulating utilities throughout the country. There are several advantages to this method, including (1) the public has confidence in the return on investment method, (2) the public understands this process, (3) there are established standards and (4) the return on investment method results in credible, supportable rates.

We also urge the FCC to provide itself and local government rate roll back authority as well as authority to require rate refunds to customers for over charges.

Your consideration of these points is necessary to accomplish fair and reasonable cable rates.

Sincerely,

*Chuck Stephens, Pres.*

cc: Collier County Commissioners  
City of Naples Council Members  
Rep. Porter Goss  
Senator Connie Mack  
Senator Bob Graham

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